As a matter of fair trade, and as a business owner myself, I see the right to free and open competition as being of the utmost importance.XM provides me with access to news and information I can not get from any local station or group of stations. Although traffic and weather are not yet available in my area, I have been eager for them to begin broadcasting it. I certainly do not want them to be forced to stop.

The unfortunate resulting action could be action against "The Weather Channel" on cable TV or any other centrally located news service. That could potentially pave the way for cable news channel to give way to local only news. In the information age, it seems criminal to try to limit the free flow of public information.